

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The Youth Development Services (YDS) division is overseen by the Department of Children and Family Services and staffed in part by the Probation Department. Their primary function is to provide comprehensive services and resources to assist young adults in their transition from foster care or the juvenile justice system to adulthood. A key aspect of their responsibilities is to ensure that the youth in their trust are able to manage their finances effectively. Several unfortunate situations have recently come to the attention of the Board that seem to point to fiscal mismanagement and even gross misconduct, to the detriment of the youth who count on this unit for guidance and assistance.

The last thing a young person leaving foster care or transitioning out of the justice system should have to worry about is the integrity of the people who are supposed to help them. A top-to-bottom review of the YDS division should be conducted, to ensure that every young person on the caseload is receiving all assistance they are entitled to, including any financial assistance, that every case worker is performing their job and that any funds that are intended for these youth are handled by staff appropriately.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Auditor-Controller conduct a comprehensive review of the Youth Development Services Division, looking specifically at funds intended for each young person and report back to the Board in 30 days with findings and recommendations.

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